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Title: Method and Apparatus for Analyzing One or More Firewalls

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In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A version of the amendments that have been marked to show all changes is included as an Appendix.

30 IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

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1. (Amended) A method for analyzing at least one gateway in a network, said at least one gateway having a packet filtering configuration file including a plurality of rules, said network  
35 having a plurality of addresses, said method comprising the steps of:  
generating a gateway-zone graph that models said network based on said packet filtering configuration file, said gateway-zone graph having at least one gateway node corresponding